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. Sanitized - Approved <u>::CIA-</u>RDP82-00457R00220018000*6*-7 CLASSIFICATION S. OFFICIALS ONLY CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY REPORT NO. information report CD NO. 25X1A2g COUNTRY China DATE DISTR. 22 December 1948 25X1A2g SUBJECT Difficulties Encountered by SUN Fo in Formation NO. OF PAGES 1 of a Cabinet 25X1X6 Return to CIA Lib O. OF ENCLS. **ACQUIRED** DATE OF INFO. 20 December 1948 SUPPLEMENT TO 25X1X6 REPORT NO. 1. SUN Fo originally agreed to form a cabinet only after direct orders from Generalissimo CHIANG Kai-shek and with the understanding that he could select 2. For nearly a month SUN tried without success to persuade the proper persons to join the cabinet. He received categorical refusals from CHANG Chun and 3. At one time, SUN stated that there was no possibility of forming a cabinet and attempts to discredit him. 4. SUN has attacked American policy in China on the grounds that Secretary

- his own ministers.
- W Tieh-cheng.
- and severely criticized CHANG and WU, accusing them of political maneuvers
- Marshell was willing to let China go to the Communists because of his personal dislike for the Generalissimo. He feels that the United States should bolster the present government with military aid so that it could negotiate with the Communists instead of capitulating to them.
- 5 SUN has stated that the Generalissimo is willing to join a coalition government with the Communists if he could remain as president.
- 6. WU Tieh-cheng's announcement of his willingness to join SUN's cabinet came as a complete surprise to SUN.

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Comment. SUN Fo announced the formation of a cabinet on 20 December. The reluctance of officials to join the cabinet has stemmed largely from the fear that the Communists would refuse to recognize the '-- t'macy of the present government and would refuse to negotiate with it. The possibility exists that the Communists have agreed to recognize it as a "temporary caretaker government" for the purposes of negotiation. It is difficult to explain on any other grounds why individuals such as CHANG and WU should have joined

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